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WHITENING EFFECT**

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

We, Bruce M. Russell, Robert A. Moskovich and Diego Hoic, hereby state as follows:

1. We are co-inventors of pending claims 1, 2, 7, 13, 14 and 23 of the above identified patent application.

2. The invention of independent claim 1 was reduced to practice prior to September 13, 2002 as evidenced by the following document:

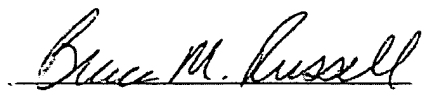
Exhibit A is a copy of an invention record, all the dates of which have been redacted, that describes all of the elements of claim 1.

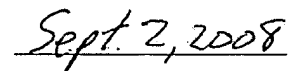
3. The dates of Exhibit A related to earliest conception date and reduction to practice date are prior to the September 13, 2002 effective date of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0053190.

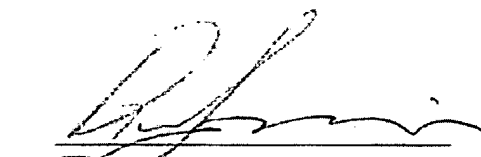
4. The acts relied upon to produce Exhibit A were all carried out in the United States.

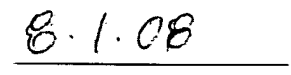
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5. We hereby declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.


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